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2 (Sunday).	120,190	17	115,730
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8	118,480	23(Sunday).	119,360
D (Sunday)	119,310	24	115.260
10	116,270	25	115,470
11	115,330	26	118,420
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of November was 6.77 per cent. W. B. CARR. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of

J. F. FARISH. · Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo. My term expires April 25, 1905.

WORLD'S-1904-FAIR

AVOID PROMISCUOUS PHILANTHROPY.

Leaders of the organized charities of St. Louis are Corelli's Italian plots. justified in their efforts to prevent frauds upon the public by unworthy supplicants for aid. The fact that the four chief charities in the city have been compelled to work together against this growing evil is evidence that the co-operation of citizens should be given to the

There is nothing which makes for more barm to disinterested and true philanthropy than the perverseness with which people distribute alms to professional beggars, traines and the totally unworthy. The numher of beggars increases. The revenues of the responsible charities are decreased while concurrently the haphazard contributors thoughtlessly slur the work which is being done by those to whom the task of earing for the poor is delegated.

Recently the police arrested a score or more of beggars on the streets. Some were sent to the Workhouse, others to hospitals, and part to the Poorhouse. The facilities for taking care of the poor of our own city are not overtaxed more than usual.

As the managers of the organized charities say in their statements to the public, it will be well for every one from whom aid is solicited to make inquiries concerning the applicant. Oftentimes it will be found that the story of the one desiring aid is untrue and that he dare not go to the Provident Association, or to the Catholic or the Jewish or any of the other systematic societies.

It is fair and correct to assume that any one who deserves assistance will go to the proper authorities. An unwillingness to do so should convince the philanthropist that something is wrong.

SCOFFERS WHO IMPEDE.

Only divine laws are perfect. Rules of action which originate in the human mind are no more perfect than their source. Broadly speaking, there has never been a perfect law devised by man. Perfect in theory some laws have seemed in the light of conditions for which they were intended, but when put to the test of practical application they have manifested imperfections. Comparatively few laws seem perfect even in theory.

A perfect law would endure forever. Although we survived. Conditions constantly outgrow foresight. bindings and the modern type. Laws good to-day become worthless to-morrow; those which yesterday seemed iniquitous become now in fiction, sociology, theology and the other branches beneficent. When men are gods then will laws be of thought, is it not true that there never has been a perfect-and not till then.

function is to obscure, to confuse and to discourage. far above the work of Van Dyke, Kipling, Stockton, His only influence is negative. No scoffer has ever White, Hornung, Mason and a bost of others who have yet assisted his fellow-man. He would tear down written well. what others build.

points out past errors and guides the future course. Hes in the fact that they served as precursors of that It is reconstructive as well as destructive, offering a which is appearing to-day. Ignoring the extremes of substitute for that which it removes. Purposeful, so-called realism and idealism, the perfection of literstriving toward an ideal, the wise critic or the good any workmanship which is found in many of to-day's citizen is selective, keeping and improving that which is worth while, casting aside the bad or useless. He builds with the best materials at hand.

The St. Louis election law is not perfect, but it is a election laws: superior to some elsewhere and to some and others of revered and honored memory. that have obtained in Missouri. Granting that the Except Macaulay-and we must overlook the in-Nesbit law, in common with every election law ever accuracies in his dramatic portraits of times and pertried, is deficient in some of its practical workings, sons-the present can boast of historians up to the will its evils be cured by the scoffer who cries, "Down best standards. The late John Fiske and Francis Nesbit act"?

Will shouting "thieves" at the entire lawmaking body of the State of Missouri accomplish anything beceive contempt.

who know these men.

The very Republicans who cry "thieves" are those who have perverted the election law and corrupted the ballot. Dishonest men, not laws, are responsible for misgovernment. Dishonest men may combine to de-burdens and sufferings inseparable from life's strugfent the purpose of the best laws.

will not, and of right should not, heed sweeping ac- of remorse, every crime a positive retribution. Retsource. He who would seek relief should come with omission of duty and commission of crime. Someclean mouth and a decent aspect. No mere slanderer lits specter appears, or else pursues and haunts its is entitled to a hearing in any court or before any victim at every step. body of men.

slander give place to decent statement, and scoffing to startle us with a dramatic demonstration of its everintelligent discussion and fair criticism.

---A FLOOD; NOTHING MORE.

posed toward ship-subsidy and appropriation bills of side and street comment in this city and every big3 cents all kinds than toward antitrust and tariff-reform legis- city of the country. lation. The Republican majority is pledged to "protection." A ship-subsidy bill, to help along Mr. Mor- for rich men and poor men who were associated in gan's little ocean combine, would be very much in conspiracies against the public. Men of wealth sevkeeping with the party's policy.

tinguished more by lurid show than by effective work. had amassed a few thousands of dollars lost in specu-Plausible demonstrations of good intentions will be lation their legislation-won money. Others lost, by more abundant than less picturesque, but more satis- death, members of their families; others were obliged factory, efforts at improvement. If signs are true, to desert their homes and business; others were barred there will be many antitrust bills and no operative from society. public, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of antitrust law; probably a tariff-reform commission full and complete copies of the Daily and Sunday Re- and no advance toward tariff reform; plenty of appropriation bills and large appropriations; a ship-subsidy good his escape, is another chapter in this stern lesson bill and lavish financial assistance for the steamship

> Straddling of the antitrust and tariff-reform issues was an excellent campaign performance; but, with the election over and no other in immediate prospect, the majority may easily abandon its enforced attitude and return to its original "protection" policy. A deluge of antitrust bills will suffice, in the opinion of the majority, for genuine endeavor to fulfill pledges. This is the undercurrent in the present Congress.

The best that can be expected of this Congress in the way of tariff reform is authorization of the ap- in meting out justice; the hand of Providence strikes pointment of a tariff-revision commission to placate the President. This course would put the tariff issue ning schemes of men. out of the way indefinitely and leave the question in abeyance until the next campaign,

This Congress is ultra "protective" and it cannot be expected to wed a radical reform policy, when it is bound by inseparable ties to the "communities of interest." The majority doesn't love the Democratic party's principles well enough to want a divorce from the trusts. Congress probably will be sensational at times, but it will do nothing, even in moments of excitement and alarm, that will prevent monopolies, equalize the tariff or suppress the trusts. The "communitles of interest" and the "captains of industry" are well represented in Washington.

A FUNERAL COMEDY.

The tariff revision issue lies flat on its back, sick because of escaping Republican gas. And the programme of the party powers with respect to the suffering issue very much resembles one of Marie

deal a deathblow to tariff revision. He contemplates appointing a commission to inquire into it-by way of dustries. inquest or autopsy. Then the party powers will undertake to bury the issue stealthly and unobtrusively -the interment will be private.

It is an ingenious programme, artistic in fact, and capable of sending thrills of delight down the spines of the "frierds."

But in spite of its beauties of conception it is destined to fail in the execution. The President may stab it in the back all well enough, and the coronersurgeons may render a verdict of "death from natural causes," but the funeral will upset all calculations. Public gaze will follow the hearse every foot of the way. There will be a great concourse at the grave. The casket will never be lowered. Public clamor will interfere; and the stabbed and inquested and verdicted thing will rise up to confront those who have laid

Revived, restored and rehabilitated, the tariff revision issue will gain tenfold vigor, and like a living thing will have its vengeance-in which all Democ racy and a great Republican force will assist.

STANDARD OF LITERATURE RAISED.

Alarmists who are continually deploring the absence of great literary masters have little with which to support their strictures on a decadent literature if they seek facts from the year's output of books. With the approach of the holiday season, the publishers have made their final effort to attract buyers by the products of clever brains and of their own excellent typographical plants.

It is probable that in mere mechanical workmanship the richly bound volumes of to-day-those sold in the general market at average prices-are superior to those of any other time. The ingenuity in devising unique forms and attractive adernments is one of the Lippincott's. features of modern bookmaking.

Yet the mechanical part of books is the least valuable. If the thoughts which are put into print do not measure up to the fullness of strength which we have a right to expect, the reader is cheated. There must have embodied in our modern system some of the wise be an advance in the product of the man's brain or principles of the ancients, yet not one of their laws has the world would be the worse because of the beautiful

While there may be a lack of so-called masterpieces time when such general excellence prevailed? Some In the meantime society is divided into two classes, of the short stories which are written to-day have their old English dinner fashions to the wall. It is doubtful, the scoffer and the wise critic. The scoffer encumbers equal only among the exceptionally best of former however, if soup ever found a place on the dinner table society. He condemns all things, good and bad. His years. Hawthorne in his happiest mood was not so

In longer fiction it must be acknowledged that the Wise criticism bolds the light for progress. It chief value of many of the old literary performances novels is little short of wonderful. True, there are "they do not believe that the tariff schedules are inspired numerous, far too many, poorly written novels, but like the Lord's Prayer." Secretary Wilson, on the whole, they are quickly recognized. The dozen best books of the year will court comparison and critical disgood law; as near to perfection in theory as are other crimination with novels written by Thackeray, Eliot think about it."-we may imagine them saying-"there is

with the whole fabric of election laws, including the Parkman did as thorough work as any men who have country place at all." ever attempted to depict the influences which have

brought the world to its present development. And so on through the list of writers. It is not

that the number of first-rate writers is larger than in "Thieves" is a mere partisan cry of some Republic- the past. To be a master, a writer must be far betans, directed at a Democratic Legislature. Many ter in these days than ever before. The average has honest, moright men were members when the Nesbit-been raised and the standard perfected. It is a delaw was made, and participated in the making of it. velopment of recent years which means that to be Such cries merely arouse the indignation of people hoted one must excel in a measure heretofore unattempted.

RETRIBUTION

Frail human nature has enough sorrow in the gles without chasing trouble on the wings of folly. If changes in the law be desirable they can be see Every pleasure seems to bear some kind of penalty, cured only through the Democratic Legislature, which every grief some sort of blessing, every folly a form cusations of dishonest purpose coming from this ribution seems almost to be a natural fatality for clean hands. At any rate he should come with a where on the path of life, at some critical moment,

Too infrequently-and yet it does seem too fre-If Republicans would remedy the Neshit law let | quently, after all-does the terrible law of retribution presence. Very seldom are we reminded of its seemingly eternal force and application with such severe lessons as this concerning the St. Louis public of-The present Congress will be more favorably dis- ficials accused of crime, which is the subject of fire-

When exposure came the comfort of living withered ered family ties and business bonds and fled to far-Indications promise that the session will be dis- away lands, beyond the arm of the law; poor men who

The voluntary return of Charles F. Kelly, former Speaker of the House of Delegates, after he had made of retribution. Kelly visited places in the Old World that are on tourists' routes; he apparently had money; he was practically free to find pleasure. But he was haunted. And now he comes back and throws himself upon the mercy of the prosecuting officials.

The lesson should have a good moral effect on the country and especially upon those who have lost faith in the justice of an avenging God. Retribution struck, in many of these cases, harder than the law could strike, and it struck before the process of law had time to run its regular course. Human law may hait through the cobwebs of technicality and the little cun-

England's love for gold is second only to the veneration which the Republican party has for trusts and ship subsidies. Chamberlain would make as good a of protectionist as he is an expansionist and imperialist. When England goes crazy and returns to the "protec tion of home industries" Chamberlain should be the jingo Prime Minister.

The Five Civilized Tribes in Oklahoma wish to remain independent. They oppose the statehood bill. No doubt they've heard of Republican imperialism and the "water-cure" method of higher civilization.

Found-Three thousand dollars in Kelly's pocket when he was captured in Philadelphia. Owner may get same by applying to the Chief of Police, Philadelphia. Money not put in safe-deposit box.

It is said that there will be a deluge of antitrust It is this: The President's message will seek to bills in this Congress. The deluge probably will coincide with the "watering" of stocks of "protected" in-

> Secretary Root evidently has nightmares about the Commanding General of the Army. Miles seems to disturb the administration's peace of mind. ----

RECENT COMMENT.

Dealing With the Drink Problem. Professor Atwater in the Outlook.

No attitude seems to me more reasonable than that o the abstainer who is so because he feels it to be his duty for the sake of example. He obeys the law of service as he understands that law. In this he does right. But need he refuse to join in any effective temperance work? The thing that makes any use or sale of alcohol wrons is the harm it does. What is wanted is to reduce that harm to a minimum. It is one of the cases in which the moral issue is decided by expediency. Prohbition is an attempt to dam a destructive stream. Prohobition which does not prohibit is a dam which raises the level in one place and makes an injurious back-set without checking the stream. When the stream is too strong for control. the only effective way is to keep it within bounds. The liquor current is too strong to be checked when a large part of the community want it to flow, another part feel that there is no moral right wholly to stop it, and those who want it stopped cannot or will not do the work. What is wanted is levees to keep it within bounds while we try to reduce the flow from the springs. To work for this seems to me morally right and a positive duty. In opposition to this view, it is sometimes argued that the support of any system which involves the sale of liquor is partnership with evil. Granted, but let us remember that, under a form of government which gives the individual a voice and a vote, every member of society shares and must share the responsibility for the liquor traffic so long as that traffic exists. The duty of the citizen, it seems to me, is neither to hold himself aloof nor to use his influence in favor of ineffective measures, but to take hold and help to reduce the evil in the most practical way.

Serving dinner in courses is comparatively a modern fashion, first introduced in diplomatic circles in Washington, D. C., and imitated from France. Up to the date of President Polk's administration the course dinner among Americans had made no further progress than that of serving fish and soup separately. Soup was regarded as such a foreign frippery that a note written by General Winfield Scott, in which he explained that he was "just sitting down to a hasty plate of soup," covered him with Masters such ridicule as to materially contribute to his defeat as a candidate for the presidency. Soup in the early days of the Republic was considered as food for invalids or poor people only; later, when the social splendors of the Court of the Empress Eugenie attracted rich Americans in flocks to Paris, French table manners and custom psushed the of the wealthy Maryland or Virginia planter, unless green turtle, which was really a stew, might be so called,

What Is the Senator Thinking About? The Nation.

In view of official attempts to explain away the tariff- Missesreduction plank of the Iowa Republican platform, Secretary Wilson's report on the entire West, which he has recently visited, is of decided interest. He finds Republicans everywhere in an "attitude of inquiry." They are questioning whether great combinations of capital not got beyond control, whether certain industries could not survive if the present duties were lowered; finally, commends this studious attitude of the Western Republic ans. His optimism will hardly be shared by the Hanna and Grosvenors of the party. "What! study the tariff, nothing to think about it except that revision spells the roin of American prosperity."

Their Tale of Bliss.

Georgiana: "Julia and Jack don't stay out at their new George: "Why?"

"Oh, they want to be in town all the time, to tell everybody how much they like it out in the country.

your misrepresentation? While honest men sit in that the present-day producers of books are not conlegislative halfs such calumnies deserve and will respicuous for their exceptional creations, but rather FROM THE GREAT POETS.

IN A HORSE CAR.

BY CELIA THANTER.

Cella Leighten was hirs at Portsmouth, N. H., in 1836; she died at Appledore Island, Me. June 29, 1894. Her father was keeper of a light house on the Isles of Shoals. She became the wife of Levi Lincoln Baxter, a Bowning scholar. She illustrated many of her own stories and poems in water colors



WONDERED what power possessed the place As I took my seat in the motley crowd, And glancing swiftly from face to face Of the poor and mean, and the rich and proud,

And all the stages betwirt the two That daily travel the iron track; I stopped at a young face fresh as dew Framed in white with a hood of black.

"I'was a little Sister of Charlty: Oh, young and slender; oh, sweet and calm; Like a pensive moonbeam pale was she, With her hands folded paim and paim.

And a delicate beauty of high repose, A sacred peace, as if far withdrawn From the hard world's din, like a cloistered rose She blossomed pure as the breath of dawn.

And yet when I looked at her once more

There's enough to do, to the dullest ken,

I marveled much how a girl like this, In her Maytime splendor could turn away From the brimming cup of her youth's bright bliss, To succor the sorrowful day by day

That every good deed adds a light

With her lofty aspect of tempered cheer, All the joys of the earth seemed vain and poor To the lovely record written here. . And I felt how true it is, how sure

To the human face not there before; While every ill thing leaves its blight It does not follow that women and men Must live in a cloister to work for God;

In the great world's paths spread wide abroad. And the good or ill of the life we lead Is sculptured clear on the countenance; He It love and goodness, or sin and greed,

Who runs may read at a single glance

Celia Haytur.

MRS. ESPENSCHIED INTRODUCES DAUGHTER AT AFTERNOON TEA.

Miss Ruth Espenschied was the debutante is the guest of Mrs. C. P. Guignon, No. of yesterday, being presented to 500 of Mrs. Charles Espenschied's friends in the afternoon from 3 to 5. Miss Espenschied also received with the debutante and Mrs. Espenschied. The house, No. 3500 Washington avenue, was trimmed with many flowers, the dialog-room they are at home trimmed with many flowers, the dining-room being done in pink and green, with ribbons of the two shades; bridesmutd roses and quantities of maiden-hair ferns. Miss Gertrude Phillips. Miss Carter, Miss Lucille Niedringhaus, Miss Bertha Evans, Miss Mamie Peckham and Miss Nannie Johnson served. A few of the older set were asked to come without hats—Miss Cobb, Miss Ford

and Miss Wright.

Mrs. Espenschied wore black lace over flowered chiffon: Miss Espenschied, white voile over pink silk, and the debutante white chiffon trimmed in heavy yellow lace.

ENTERTAINED FOR GUESTS. Mrs. W. C. Glasgow, No. 2847 Washington avenue, gave a small and informal tea yesterday afternoon for her young guests, Miss Powell of Washington, D. C., who will be with her for a fortnight. Only young girls | The Manhattan Bowling Club gave its were asked.

TENDERED FAREWELL RECEPTION. Before starting for Europe Mrs. B. Shea, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stack of 1003 Walton avenue, received well receiption Saturday night. The guest

Messleurs-Henry Backs. Harry Dill, M. Shea, J. Sullivan, Lieutenant M. J. Wittenaur,

Theresa Stack, Brydie Stack, Mamie E. Mead, May Lynch, Mesdames

Kate Wittenaur. Kate Stack.

B. Shea. Wittenaur.

COLUMBIA CLUB'S ENTERTAINMENT The Columbian Club's last entertainmen on Saturday night was a musical and dra-matic evening, which was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by the members. The and greatly enjoyed by the second programmes were as follows:
Violin and Piano-Preislied, "Die Meister-Wägner-Wilhelm]

einger" Wagner-Withelmj
Mr. Sidney Sarasate-Kubelik Schleie and Mr.
Arthur Hoffman-De Pachman Lieber,
Vocal-Violets. El Wright
Manual Lesse Sembrich-Eames Rothschild. Madrigal

Cast of characters: Mr. Algernon Stanyhurst Samuel Edward Sothern Sommers

EMPLOYER DINES EMPLOYES. J. P. Richarz, president of the Richarz J. P. Richarz, president of the Richarz,
Press Room Company, entertained the employes of the firm at a turkey dinner on
Thanksgiving Day. The spread was given
at Horn's Hotel. Music, singing and
speeches enlivened the occasion. Addresses
were made by Mr. Richarz, Charles Ryan. Emil T. Siebecker and Miss Kate Morris-

PARTY FOR BLAKE HOWARD. The T. P. E. Club was entertained on Friday evening by Mrs. Howard of No. 3644 Blaine avenue for her son, Blake Howard, who is its president. There was an excellent programme, consisting of music, games and recitations, followed by refreshments Those present were:

Bake Howard, Don Morgan, Misses-Ruth Gregory, Enid Perkins, Adele Lee, Florence Roeder, Maybelle Roeder

ELSIE VOGEL ENTERTAINS. Mr. and Mrs. Vogel gave a birthday party in honor of their daughter Elsie Thanksglving Night at their home, on South Thirteenth street. The house was decorated with chrysanthemums. Dancing was the main feature. Among those present were:

Millie Bergmann,

Annie Swantner

Lydia Goedecke, Hortense Mum-

perow, Elsie Vogel.

A. Reuban, J. Fisher, W. Traber,

Philippine Kostuba, Mamie Toensmeise, Pauline Blank essieurs-F. Daeumer, Pommer. Hunnius.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mrs. John P. Meyer and the Misses Meyer have issued invitations for the afternoon of Monday. December 8, when they will receive in honor of Mrs. John Philip Meyer. half after 3 until half after 5, at th

Miss Ora Alice Walker of Pekin, Ill., entertained by her sister, Mrs. Jobeing entertained by her sister, Mrs. J seph D. Salkeld, of North Grand avenue Mr. and Mrs. John P. Johnson have gon

to their home in Washington, D. C. Miss Louise Fox of Fredericktown, Mo.

Mrs. Mary Hogan Ludlum and her mother Mrs. Hogan, have removed from the Granville and now have a suite in the Louis building, No. 386 West Belle place, where they are at home on Thursday afternoons Mrs. Rose Willis of No. 4207 Fair avenue

entertained a party of friends with a Thanksgiving dinner. Mrs. John O'Neil and daughter, Miss Ora. Mrs. William McMullen, Mrs. H. C. Huff and Messrs, Fred and

Mr. and Mrs. John D. R. Turner of No. 4611 Cook avenue entertained Thanksgiving Day and had twelve covers laid for 6 o'clock dinner. The guests invited were: Doctor Bownian and wife of Washington University, Harry G. Reed and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Schaler, Mr. and Mrs. George Hibbard and Mr. and Mrs. McDonal. The evening was spent in an informal entertainment of music, literature and dancing.

inaugural at the Compton alleys Friday evening. After bowling refreshments were served. Among those present who enjoyed a very pleasant evening were:

ora Howarth. Elizabeth Pierce, Ida Bauer. Bertha Schreiber. Dennis Murphy, Harry Wittleh, Adolph Schreiber,

Adolph Schreie Charles Mund. Mrs. Warren Earle Barnhart of Chicago, formerly Miss Rose Lewis Chapman of S: week at the Usona Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart will go to California soon to

Mrs. Charles S. Hills has postponed her Californian trip until after the holidays,

WEBSTER GROVES. Miss Mildred King Allen entertained Friday afternoon for Miss Constance Helen Moody, whose wedding will take place shortly. Questions were distributed about "How We Ate Our Thanksgiving Dinner,

in the syllable "ate." Prizes were awarded to Misses Katherine S. Lody. Franc Wilde and Constance Moody. Others present were Mmes. Lon Harper, G. A. Renck, Allen Mc-Kinnie H. C. Watrous, Charles A. Lewis, C. L. Martin, J. F. Allen, Misses Catherine and Caroline Annan. Alice and Mamie Slaughter, Alice Biggerstaff, Worrell, Sylvia Mary Hart, Lula Clarkson, Carolyn Allen, Blanche Magehan and Florence Sparks. The dramatic entertainment at Bristol Hall Friday evening drew a large audi-

ence. The comedictta, "A Set of Tur-quoise," was presented. In "Woodcock's Little Game," which followed, Miss Marjory Dawson, as the irrepressible mother in-law; Mr. Henry Dill, as the sporty and blase bridegroom, and Miss Viola Romaine, as a young matron, took the honors.

Mrs. R. A. Allen entertained informally Saturday evening for Mrs. Malcolm French of Los Angeles with ping pong and othe Those present were Mr. and Mrs. rederick L. Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mrs. French. Weeks, Mary, Carolyn and Hazel Allen, Messrs, Fred G. Howe and

NEWS OF THE CITY CHURCHES. Salvation Army Captain to Lec ture on Rescue Work.

Major Minnie Weber of New York will deliver a lecture on the "Rescue Work of the paid for 100 shares of stock at a time Salvation Army," illustrated with atcronti-Salvation Army," illustrated with steropticon views at the Washington and Compton Avenue Presbyterian Church to-morrow night. The same lecture will be delivered at the Union Methodist Episcopal Church December 4, and at the Pilgrim Congrega-tional Church December 5.

A novenna preparatory to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be held every afternoon this week at 4 o'clock at the church of that name. Jefferson avenue and Locust street. The services will end with

The Reverend Doctor C. H. Briggs, Presiding Elder of the St. Louis District of the M. E. Church, South, read a paper yesterday morning at the Southern Methodist ministers' meeting on "The Progress of Doctrine in the New Testament." The paper was a review of the Bampton lectures of the Reverend T. D. Bernards.

The Church Extension and City Mission Society will meet at the Centenary Church, Sixteenth and Pine streets. Thursday night at \$ o'cclock. Contrary to the usual custom there will be no lunch.

The Reverend J. H. Garrison of the Christain Church has returned from Saline, Kas., where he dedicated a church last week. There will be a missionary raily of the Christian churches of the city at the First Christian Church on the evening of Janu-

The feast of St. Barbara will be solemnly celebrated this morning at 10 o'clock at St. Barbara's Catholle Church with solemn high mass. The celebrant is the Reverend Father Timotheus, F. M., pastor of St. Anthony's Church. The deacon will be the

Reverend Al. Jaspers, and the subfeacon the Reverend F. Gerhold. The sermon will be dedivered by the Reverend T. H. Murer and the master of caremonies will be the Reverend Father Berthold. O. F. M. There will be the benediction and to deum

nedlately after mass. A two weeks' mission at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Sarah street and Kennerly avenue, will close Sunday. The mission this week is for men, and is being conducted by the Jesuit missionaries, the Reverend Father Marshad T. Hourdman, S. J., and the Reverend Father Thomas C. McKeogh, S. J., both of Chicago, Ill.

The Reverend Holly Sale read a paper be-fore the Christian ministers yesterday morning on "The Christ-Crowned Man." Forty additions to the Christian churches of the city were reported.

As a result of the evangelistic meetings at the Lafayette Park churches there have been 180 additions to the three churches to the Methodat forty-seven, to the Presbyterian thirty-line and to the Baptist thirty-two. The Reverend Doctor H. M. Wharton, who conducted the meetings last night, began a series of meetings to last one week at the Tyler Place Presbyterian Church.

The Reverend T. M. Patterson has as-sumed charge of the M. E. churches, South, at Manchester and Fenton.

A revival meeting was began Sunday night at the Cabanne M. E. Church, South, The paster will conduct the services the first week and the Reverend Doctor Young the second week.

W. H. McClain will deliver a lecture at the Pope Avenue Presbyterian Chapel Fri-day evening on "Oberammergau and the Passion Play." The lecture will be illusrated with stereopticon views.

The Woman's Board of City Missions of the M. E. Church, South, will hold a bazaar at No. 5285 Washington boulevard on the afternoon and evening of Friday, Decem-

The Southern Methodist ministers yesternothern Methodist ministers yester-morning indorsed the plan to hold on meetings in this city while the cit's Fair is in progress. Reports from e several denominations of the city will received at the next meeting of the angelical Aldance and final disposition ade of the matter.

NOONDAY SERVICES BEGIN. Brotherhood of St. Andrew Has

Charge of the Meetings.

The first of the series of advent services to be held at No. 515 Olive street took place yesterday at noon. The services have been arranged by the Erotherhood of St. Andrew, and will begin every day except Sunday at 12:35 p. m. and last twenty-five minings. The second floor of the building has been fitted up for the services.

The subject of yesterday morning's service was "Advent: Its Meaning." The Reverend H. W. Mizner was the leader. He will conduct the service to-day and to-morrow. The appointments for the remainder of the series are: December 4, 5, 6, the Reverend C. F. Blaisdell; December 8, 9, 10, the Reverend George S. Sinciair: December II, 12, 13, the Very Reverend C. M. Davis; December B, 19, 29, the Reverend E. Duckworth; December 18, 19, 29, the Reverend B. 23, 24, the Reverend A. K. Smith.

The services are for men and women who are employed in stores, offices and commercial pursuits, It is the first time the Episcopal Church has held downtown services during Advent. arranged by the Brotherhood of St. An-

Feast of St. Francis Xavier. Feast of St. Francis Xavier will be observed to-morrow mor Jus at St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Chus, J. at 8:30 o'clock by a solemn high mass. After mass there will be the benediction. As yet it has not been decided who the officers will be. The students of St. Louis University and the members of the church will attend.

SHERWELL TRIALS ARE SET. Butler Case to Be Called First on December 12.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Evansville, Ind., Dec. 1.-The date of the trial of Wilbur S. Sherwell, the former patroiman, charged with having choked to death Lena Renner and Fannie Butler, the latter a mulatto woman, to-day was set for December 12.

He will be tried first on the Butler case. e was recently acquitted on the charge having choked Mrs. Georgia Railey to ath. The Renner case will be called

about January 1.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY IN ST. LOUIS. 2

From The Republic, December 3, 1877. At Christ Church a stove flue blew out and greatly frightened the con-· gregation. Several persons, including · ladies, were covered with soot and · their costumes were spoiled. A lot fronting 394 feet on Lindell .

boulevard, opposite Forest Part, was sold to C. Rosenblatt for \$15 a foot. Hiram Hill, a well-known diver, fin-· ished fishing out the machinery of the · sunken tug, Wolffe. Milliners declared that the most fashlonable bonnets for the winter

la would be a Parisian style rather wide and made of leather, either an undressed kid or chamois skin, the A nonular shades being ecru. light and A a pinkish chocolate and seal brown. High pyramids of flowers or feathers and long satin ribbons to tie beneath • the chin were in vogue. William H. Stone returned from a • trip to California,

· Colonel Prout of the Execution Army, Governor General of the Prov-• ince of the Nile, visited St. Louis rel-· atives. Among the realty sales reported • was that of the Lane residence on •

. Baker avenue, which E. Price pur-• chased for \$14,000. A. T. Bissell · bought a tract embracing twelve · · acres in Carondelet Commons on the • Gravols road for \$14,000. H. Robyn • • bought a residence and a lot, 55x155 • • fcet, on Compton avenue, near Olive • • street, for \$7,600. Major and Mrs. Walter E. Carlin .

and Mrs. Doctor A. K. Van Horn of · Jerseyville departed for Hot Springs. • Louis Hyle's store at No. 1908-10 · Franklin avenue was burned. William . T. Godde owned the building. The First National Bank of Jerseyville declared a semiannual dividend

of 5 per cent. The directors were: . Hugh N. Cross, John N. English, Doctor George S. Miles, John C. Barr. ♦ James A. Locke and A. Wilson ♦ · Cross The Irish Catholic Colonization Society met at St. Patrick's Hail. John . M. McDonald, a police officer, re-· ceived a vote of thanks for having

• that the lands in Kansas were in · good condition, and that immigrants · would begin life in a free country · under fine auspices. Among the fastion notes it was stated that silver collarettes for la-. dies' neck ornaments were very fash-· ionable. A narrow band of black enamel was the latest style of brace-◆ let. The conceit in vogue for the ◆ ♦ toilet table was a set piece of silver ♦

• holding a bottle and a powder box. •

• funds. Timothy Murphy reported •

with a tall back supporting a hand • · glass. Harmonie Hall on Fourth between Elm and Myrtle streets, was the . scene of a festival given by children • of the Hebrew congregation of Tem- • ple Shaare Emeth. Among the young • persons who had prominent parts . • were: Fannie and Leontine Sonne- • . schein, Sailie and Mattle Weil. • Polk, Blanche Rothschild, Julia 💠 ◆ Pfeiffer, Mamie Jacobs, Sallie Lowenstein, Minnie Kramer, Bertha • · Lichtenhein, Sidney Langsdorf, Bennie Fischer, Michael Green, Morris, • Langsdorf, Willie Weil, Julius Kohn, .

◆ Alex Singer, Dadie, Louis and Sidney
 ◆ Aloe, Herman Bar, Samuel Cohen